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--ABSTRACT--

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 16 line 1, after the newly added ABSTRACT section heading, as follows:

The invention relates to a system and a method for communication between automation appliances. According to the invention, peer-to-peer communication over the Intranet or Internet is carried out, enabling a direct exchange of information between the automation appliances. Each automation appliance is used to send a request via the data transmission system to all other automation appliances known to the same. All of the automation appliances are used to forward a received request to all other automation appliances known thereto.